

62ND CONGRESS WAS OPENED AT NOON TODAY

Special Session Called Expressly by President Taft to Consider Question of the Canadian Reciprocity Smothered by Last Senate.

THE SAME OLD BILL PUT BEFORE HOUSE

Opening Exercises of the House Attended by Unusual Interest Because Democrats Were in Control for First Time in 16 Years.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Called into extraordinary session by President Taft to consider the question of Canadian reciprocity, which failed in the last session because of a filibuster against it in the Senate, the sixty-second Congress was called to order promptly at noon today. The session, because of the anomalous situation created by one party being in control in one branch and the rival in power at the other end of the capitol, is expected to be long and filled with turmoil and political bickering.

Foreclosing action by the Democrats to the House, Representatives McCall of Massachusetts introduced the Canadian reciprocity bill which was passed by the House at the last session. The opening ceremonies of the House held unusual interest. It was the first time in sixteen years that the Democrats had taken up the conduct of affairs in the lower branch of the national legislature.

Clark Had 217 Votes. Representative Champ Clark of Missouri was elected speaker. He polled 217 votes against 131 for James R. Mann of Illinois, 16 for Henry A. Cooper of Wisconsin and one for George W. Norris of Nebraska, the three last named being Republicans.

Notwithstanding that the initial ceremonies of the extra session in the Senate were quite secondary in interest to those of the House, there still was a large attendance in the galleries, and the scene was animated. The ceremonies were brief and formal, consisting in the main of brief prayer by the Senate chaplain, the reading of the message calling the special session and the swearing in of the thirty newly elected senators. Of the senators sworn in, seventeen were men who never before had occupied seats in the Senate. Twelve were Democrats and five Republicans.

The weather for the opening of a new Congress was atrocious. A steady rain, driven before a cold east wind, made the day most disagreeable. At a Republican caucus last night, Mr. Mann of Illinois was nominated for the speakership and elected leader of the minority, having been presented by ex-Speaker Cannon. Mr. Mann protested against the unfair action of the Democrats in increasing the majority side of 15 committees without giving the Republicans any part of the increase, and demanding that these committees be increased from 21 to 22 members, so that one more Republican member could be placed on the minority side in each.

Mr. Olmsted of Pennsylvania offered a resolution providing that Mr. Mann should name the minority members of committees. Mr. Roberts of Massachusetts proposed a substitute that the whole matter of the appointment of the minority members of the committees be passed over to the Democratic committee on committees. Mr. Good of Iowa, an insurgent, offered a resolution to have a committee of seven with Mann at the head of it, appoint committee-men. This was the insurgent demand as to the disposition of committee places.

Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts offered an amendment to the Olmsted resolution providing that the four minority members of the committee on rules be named by the caucus and the Republican membership of all other committees be named by Mr. Mann.

After a lengthy debate, the caucus placed in the hands of Mr. Mann, authority to name the Republican members of the standing committees. A plan calling for the special committee was voted down by 79 to 33, but the Republicans present were left free to take whatever action they desired in the House in supporting or opposing a rule providing for a committee on committees.

RECIPROCITY DEVELOPMENTS.

It Is Said Great Britain Wants Same Reduced Duties as Canada.

London, April 4.—Sir Edward Grey indicated in the House of Commons today that the British government contemplates asking the United States to accord Great Britain the reduced duties granted to Canada under the American-Canadian reciprocity agreement.

DYNAMITED NEW CITY HALL

But Efforts at Springfield, Mass., Partially Failed

DAMAGE NOT VERY GREAT

Explosion Early This Morning Tore Hole in Abutment to Big Tower—Blame Is Laid by Some to Labor Trouble.

Springfield, Mass., April 4.—A daylight inspection of the new municipal building, which was the scene of a dynamite explosion early this morning, calmed the fear that serious damage had been done to the new structure and its costly tower. The explosion tore a small hole in the abutment of the tower, which the police believe can be readily repaired. Labor trouble is hinted at as the probable reason for the outrage.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was called for this afternoon for the purpose of offering a reward for the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for the attempted destruction.

BLACK HAND AT MALDEN.

Three Letters Received and Are Being Investigated.

Malden, Mass., April 4.—Three successive letters, purporting to come from a writer of the "black hand" type, have been received by Philip Levitsky, 258 Broadway, in the Maplewood section, within three weeks, and though the police have been working on the case and have kept the matter quiet, in the hope of capturing the writer, they have failed utterly. Capt. Foley stated yesterday he was utterly at sea regarding the origin of the letters.

Mr. Levitsky is a wool broker with offices on Brighton street, Boston, and has resided here for a number of years. The first letter was received by him three weeks ago and demanded that he leave \$2,000 on the steps of a concern near his home, under threat of harm to two of his daughters, Annie, aged 19, and Fannie, aged 17, both pupils in the high school.

The police were notified and placed a dummy package on the steps designated in the letter and surrounded the building, being secreted behind adjoining buildings. They waited all night but the person did not put in an appearance.

Levitsky received another letter the following week, even more threatening than the first, and it stated that the police and Levitsky must keep away from the place where the money had been placed.

The letters again waited in vain for the writer and the third week, which was March 25, Levitsky received another letter worse than the two preceding ones. Again the police were notified.

The letters are written mostly in Yiddish and the police put plain clothes men on the case. Mr. Levitsky is badly frightened over the letters and is unable to account for the writer sending him such missives. The two girls mentioned refuse to leave the house after dark and are badly frightened.

DEMOCRATIC REVERSE IN CALAIS, MAINE

Republicans Swept Election Yesterday In One of Heaviest Votes Ever Polled There.

Calais, Me., April 3.—The Democratic wave which has been sweeping over Maine received a bad setback in the city election here yesterday, when the Republicans not only elected their candidate for mayor, but also carried every one of the seven wards in the city for aldermen by a handsome majority.

Herbert J. Dudley was the successful mayoralty candidate, defeating Bruno Kalish, Democrat, by a vote of 729 to 441. Dudley led his ticket in every ward. The aldermen-elect are: Henry B. Colson, ward 1; James S. McCreary, ward 2; W. K. Murelle, ward 3; John W. Thomas, ward 4; W. L. Eaton, ward 5; Dr. C. W. Grant, ward 6; Edward D. Remy, ward 7. The city government will organize April 10. Eleven hundred and seventy votes were cast at the election yesterday, the poll being the heaviest in recent years.

10 BELOW TODAY.

Enosburg Falls Was In Frigid Region Today.

St. Albans, April 4.—The coldest temperature recorded in this vicinity this morning was at Enosburg Falls, where the register was 10 degrees below zero. On St. Albans hill it was 8 below.

THE MILKY WAYS.

Will Soon Resound of Aeroplanes' Flapping Wings—Perhaps.

Los Angeles, Calif., April 4.—Two aeroplanes "highways" stretching from Los Angeles to San Francisco, over which air machines may soon be making their way, were announced as completed by the committee of the Aero Club of California today. The same committee has mapped out three aerial routes from Los Angeles to Chicago and four from Chicago to the Atlantic ocean. It is calculated that aeroplanes will be able to fly from Los Angeles in time to equal that of a train.

All Socialists are requested to meet at their headquarters to-morrow evening. Important business.

HAD LONG STRUGGLE.

M. G. Leary Elected City Attorney In Burlington on 71st Ballot.

Burlington, April 4.—On the 71st ballot last night the city council elected M. G. Leary as city attorney. When the voting began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon there were two candidates in the field, R. E. Brown and H. S. Peck, the vote standing six to six. On the seventh ballot Leary's name came in, receiving one vote. At 5:30, after sixty ballots had been taken, an adjournment was taken for two hours. On the 71st ballot Leary got seven votes and was declared elected, Peck having been eliminated from the contest.

Other officers were elected as follows: City clerk—M. C. Grandy. City treasurer—L. C. Grant. City attorney—M. G. Leary, 7; R. E. Brown, 6. City constable—N. C. Florence, 8; Fred T. Parks, 4. City engineer—H. M. McIntosh. Grand juror—S. R. Moulton, 10; F. G. Webster, 2. Street commissioner—James B. Henderson. Water commissioner—C. H. Jones. Cemetery commissioner—John Wilson. Electric light commissioner—J. J. Chase, 7; E. A. Hennings, 6. Fire commissioner—James E. Bradley. Police commissioner—A. N. Lucia, 7; M. C. Powers, 5. Library commissioner—Edward C. Mower. Fire warden—Carl D. Stockwell. Trustee United States deposit fund—L. C. Grant.

WOMAN BURNED AND MAY NOT LIVE

Mrs. Joseph Patnaude of Winooski was Lighting Fire With Kerosene Yesterday Afternoon.

Winooski, April 4.—Mrs. Joseph Patnaude, aged 53 years, less in a very serious condition at her home, 95 Malletts Bay avenue, Winooski, as the result of burns about the body caused by lighting a fire in a heater with kerosene. The accident occurred at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. She had poured kerosene on the wood and was about to apply a lighted match when flames shot out of the stove door and set her sleeve on fire.

Almost immediately the woman was enveloped in flames. She was alone in the house and became very excited. As her clothing was burning she fled to the street and entered the store of J. B. E. Clavier, which is next door, and called for assistance. While Mr. Clavier hastened to get a blanket from the back room, the woman, who was suffering much pain, again rushed into the street. Mr. Clavier immediately followed, wrapped her in the blanket, carried her into her home and summoned Drs. Hill and Thabault. The woman was burned very severely all about the body, the only parts of her person remaining untouched being her legs and one arm from the elbow down. Small hopes are entertained for her recovery.

The department responded to an alarm for a fire which was confined to a clothes chest and which was put out by Joseph Blondin before the firemen arrived. Mrs. Patnaude evidently tried to get something with which to cover herself but fled on seeing the lower panels in the door were scorched and Mr. Blondin received a few minor burns about the face. Miss Alice Patnaude of St. John, P. Q., who was telegraphed for, arrived last evening.

ILLEGAL HUNTING

Charged Against Aaron Stevens of North Stratford, N. H.

Lyndonville, April 4.—Aaron Stevens of North Stratford, N. H., was placed under arrest by County Warden Leon C. Rick, Haverhill, N. H., yesterday charged with illegal hunting, two counts being alleged, one for killing a deer out of season and the other for hunting without a license. One deer carcass is said to have been in his possession and another nearby; but he denies the allegations.

MANUFACTURING PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dedham Had \$200,000 Loss This Afternoon—Score of Employees Escaped Through the Windows.

Dedham, Mass., April 4.—The entire plant of the Cochrane Manufacturing company was destroyed by fire this afternoon and the loss is estimated at \$200,000. A score of employees were forced to make their escape by the windows.

COMMERCIAL TREATY RATIFIED.

Closer Relations Between America and Japan Result of Negotiations.

Tokio, April 4.—Ratifications of the American-Japanese commercial treaty were exchanged this afternoon. His majesty congratulated American ambassador O'Brien upon the share he had in the negotiations, which called for the closer relations between the two countries. The Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty will be published to-morrow.

Regular review of Harmon hive, No. 1, L. O. T. M., Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Guards will please be there, as there is initiation. After the review, new sugar on snow will be served. All members are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. Fidelia Cobb, who died at her home in Middlebury, was 82 years old. For 36 consecutive years Mrs. Cobb and her husband had charge of the Addison county jail and it is said that she was one of the best matrons of that institution.

Frank E. Howe of Bennington, speaker of the House of Representatives, is to deliver the Memorial day address at Wilmington.

NEAR DEATH FROM GAS

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Pierce of St. Albans Aroused in Time

BROKEN GAS MAIN CAUSE

Gas Had Escaped from Street and Entered House by Way of Cellar Drain—Mrs. Pierce Required Services of Physician.

St. Albans, April 4.—Near death from gas asphyxiation was the experience of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Pierce of Ferry street this morning, the gas having entered the house from the gas main in the street by means of a cellar drain. Mr. Pierce awoke at an early hour, feeling sick and dizzy. He at once detected the odor of gas, and he made haste to awaken his wife. Mrs. Pierce was in an even worse condition than he was, and a physician was summoned to attend her, he being able to bring her around all right.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Fred Tate, Rutland Railroad Brakeman, Pinched By Cars.

Burlington, April 4.—Fred Tate, a Rutland railroad brakeman, is at the Mary Fletcher hospital, where he was taken after an accident to one leg, which looked for a time as though amputation would be necessary. The accident happened in the Rutland railroad yard, when an extra freight was being made up. Tate was between two cars, and the engine men, not being aware of it, started the train. His leg was badly pinched but he fell outside the track and escaped being run over. He was hurried to the Mary Fletcher hospital and Dr. C. A. Pease operated on him, removing a large amount of torn ligaments.

MOTHER'S MIND WEAK, HE SAID

Everett Bean Testified Today at Hearing to Break Will of Late Mrs. Orzella C. Bean of Plainfield.

Everett Bean, one of the three children who are attempting to break the will of Orzella Bean, late of Plainfield, was cross-questioned on the stand in Washington county court to-day and was unable to submit specimens of his handwriting, while during the cross-examination the attorneys for the opposite side attempted to entangle him. Bean was first placed on the stand yesterday afternoon when court re-convened from the Sunday recess.

He testified that his mother told him she thought it awful that Kate, his sister, could not sit with the mourners at her father's funeral. Charles Bean, the legatee in the will, having testified that they were all of the same flesh and blood and would be remembered equally by her. The witness said he had worked since twelve years old and had given his wages to his father till 19 years old when he left home. The witness thought his mother's mind very weak.

Lee Lane, husband of Kate, on being recalled, testified that he considered Mrs. Bean's mind very weak after her husband's death.

Rev. L. F. Portney testified that he had visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Bean when Mr. Bean was ill and he had seen Kate and her husband, Lee Lane, there; that on one occasion Mr. Bean had remarked that he wouldn't know how to get along with Kate, she had been such a help during his sickness.

Everett Bean, testifying to the assistance he had received from his parents, said all he could remember was once when the whole family was quarantined for scarlet fever his mother brought a large piece of johnny-cake and left it on a bridge for them. The remainder of the time during the illness the family was kept by the town, he said.

DEATH OF MRS. JOANNA MURPHY.

Native of Ireland and 86 Years Old, Died of General Breakdown.

Waterbury, April 4.—Mrs. Joanna Coleman Murphy, widow of Timothy Murphy, died yesterday in her room on Union street of congestion of the lungs, following a general breakdown of the system. She was born in Ireland eighty-six years ago and has been a widow for thirty-two years. She is survived by seven children, Eliza Murphy of Boston, William Murphy of Montpelier, Mrs. Henry Babcock of St. Albans, Joseph and Lawrence Murphy of Montpelier, Mrs. Morris Daley and Miss Agnes Murphy of this town. There are also ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held from St. Andrew's church to-morrow morning, with burial in Mount Vernon. Rev. P. J. Doherty will officiate.

PRISONERS SENTENCED.

At Special Session of Windsor County Court.

Woodstock, April 4.—At a special session of Windsor county court, which convened yesterday afternoon, Harry C. J. C. McIntosh, Manchester, N. H.; C. B. Carpenter, Bellows Falls; C. S. Gilman, Portland, Me.; E. E. Hoyt, Boston; F. M. Girtchait, New York City; W. B. Doherty, Adams, Newark, N. J.; H. H. Doherty, Adams, Newark, N. J.; W. C. Jones, Plattsburg, N. Y.; P. C. Sherwin, New York City; S. C. Hinde, Burlington; E. H. Fellows, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. P. Shaw, Rutland; Seth Blackburn, Providence, R. I.

Monday and Tuesday arrivals at the City hotel were as follows: A. W. Fowler, Boston; C. C. Emerson, Portland, Me.; J. C. McIntosh, Manchester, N. H.; C. B. Carpenter, Bellows Falls; C. S. Gilman, Portland, Me.; E. E. Hoyt, Boston; F. M. Girtchait, New York City; W. B. Doherty, Adams, Newark, N. J.; H. H. Doherty, Adams, Newark, N. J.; W. C. Jones, Plattsburg, N. Y.; P. C. Sherwin, New York City; S. C. Hinde, Burlington; E. H. Fellows, Brooklyn, N. Y.; W. P. Shaw, Rutland; Seth Blackburn, Providence, R. I.

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